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Safe Surfing

by Sergeant Williams

Although I can't help you find the perfect wave, I can provide you with some tips that can help keep you and your family safe while surfing the web. It's true the Internet can be a useful tool for families allowing us to do banking, shopping and research online. Additionally, it provides access to people and places we would not be able to experience on our own. However, as the Internet grows, so does the number of people looking to take advantage of its users. Take a minute to look at this list of recommendations that can help you and your family "surf" safely.

The first thing we need to understand about the Internet is it is a unique medium. Unlike television, radio and magazines, the Internet is:

- **Interactive** - your child can interact with anyone from your home, their friends' homes, their school or a public library.
- **Accommodating** - it allows any user, anywhere, to post any information, including materials that are inaccurate, misleading and inappropriate for children.
- **Unrestricted** - it provides no restrictions in advertising to children.
- **Anonymous** - it enables its users to assume any identity they wish.

Make sure your children understand these hazards and limit their exposure to potential problems by taking the following actions:

- *Keep the computer in a family area to better monitor your child's activity.*
- *Regularly spend time online with your child to learn about his or her interests and activities.*
- *Accompany your child in chat rooms until he or she learns your safety rules.*

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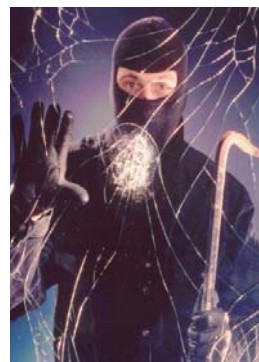
From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

As we gather a full head of steam into 2006, I want to thank all those who worked so diligently to make 2005 a success. It takes a collaboration of the whole community to be as successful as we have been. We have identified a number of new action items for 2006 and will continue to work on those from last year that remain relevant and support the district, department and City goals. You may have noticed a little dust around the district. This is due to some remodel of the main floor. With the Records Division relocating to the Granite Reef and Indian School Road building, space for detectives has been freed up and is being upgraded to accommodate the re-centralization of several units. Last but not least, be ready for a change in the lobby hours for the District Two Station. Beginning in early February the lobby will be open weekdays from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM and on weekends from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Sincerely,

Commander Burl Haenel

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FAST FACT

This time of the year several Arizonan's take advantage of the beautiful weather and leave their windows open during the night. Remember, criminals are looking for such an opportunity.

If you would like a security survey of your property, please contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696.

- *Teach your child to terminate any experience online when he or she feels uncomfortable or scared by pressing the back key, logging off, and telling a trusted adult as soon as possible.*
- *Explain that people are not always who they say they are.*
- *Set a rule that your child never arranges an in-person meeting.*
- *Know who your child is e-mailing or instant messaging.*
- *Set time limits for Internet usage.*
- *Establish strict rules about ordering products (and then monitor credit card bills).*
- *Teach your child never to give out personal information such as his or her name, address, school name or address, or anything else that is personally identifying.*
- *For more information on Internet safety visit www.getnetwise.com or contact Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696 or at mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov*

Residential Burglars Target Seniors

Over the past few months, a team of residential burglars victimized some Scottsdale residents along with residents from Tempe, Phoenix and Chandler. The male and female suspects are posing as a married couple carrying a child. The female suspect carrying a child knocks on the resident's door and attempts to distract them. Once the resident is distracted, the male subject goes into the house and attempts to take high-dollar jewelry and cash. The suspects have been described as:

Female - Caucasian or Hispanic, approximately 25 years old, 5'3" tall and approximately 110 pounds

Male - Caucasian or Hispanic, approximately 30 years old, 5'4" to 5'8" tall and approximately 160 pounds

Here are some tips to help avoid being a crime victim:

- *Use an eye viewer (peephole) on your door so you can see who has knocked.*
- *Do not open your door to anyone you do not recognize or are not expecting, but acknowledge your presence.*
- *Install and use a metal security screen door if you choose to keep your door open.*
- *Make sure your carport or porch is well lit for recognition of nighttime guests.*
- *Use motion sensor lights in and around your doors and carport.*
- *Should you notice the couple described above in this article, please call 9-1-1.*

Calendar of Events

Interactive Self-Awareness Class

March 9, 2006 – 6pm to 9pm
At District 2 Police Station – 9065 E. Via Linda
Contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696

8th Annual Spring Artfest of Fifth Avenue

February 10-12, 2006
Fifth Avenue from Scottsdale Rd. to Goldwater Blvd.
For more information call 888-278-3378 or visit www.888artfest.com

Parada del Sol Parade

February 18th, 2006 starting at 10:00 a.m.
Scottsdale Rd. between Oak St. and Indian School Rd.
For more information call (480) 990-3179 or visit www.paradadelosol.org

Winfield Scott Day

Commemorate the birthday of Scottsdale's founder, Army Chaplain Winfield Scott. The celebration will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 28 in the breezeway of the Pepperwood Building, 7340 Scottsdale Mall.
For more information call Roberta Pilcher at (480) 990-1690.

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.